

**March 1, 2021**

**Prior Auth Client Letter posted, and please write Sen. Fields and Rep. MJ**

It's March 1 and CCHA prior auth program starts today. Proper respects to Sybil and Lisa G for producing [this letter](#), intended for clients and their families, to explain the program and some possible responses. We'll post the Spanish translation when we can.

Senator Fields and Rep. Michaelson-Jenet introduced a bill to regulate credentialing timelines for physicians, and left out mental health providers.

Please read SB21-126

[https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021A/bills/2021a\\_126\\_01.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2021A/bills/2021a_126_01.pdf)

Please email Senator Fields and Rep. MJ to ask for inclusion of mental healthcare providers in this bill.

Copy, Edit with your story of long credentialing times, and Paste to:  
your state Senator and your state House Rep; <https://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-legislator>  
and

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Dear Madam Chair Representative Michaelson-Jenet and Madam Chair Senator Fields,

We appreciate the introduction of Senate Bill 126 recently, offering some regulation of time durations for credentialing and contracting of physical health providers.

We would greatly appreciate the inclusion of mental healthcare providers in this bill. Our mental healthcare providers face similar delays in Department of Health Care Policy and Finance 'validation', as well as long waits for credentialing and contracting with commercial and public insurance managers.

Please include mental health providers alongside physicians, as credentialing and contracting impact access to care, and are therefore parity (HB19-1269) concerns.

Please also include Title 25-5 so that Medicaid providers are not excluded from the intention of this bill, and so that HCPF 'validation' durations are also not excluded.

In regards,